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- 1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF MOL ENTERPRISES MET WITH JOINT SECRETARY V.C. PANDE IN THE INDIAN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE ON JUNE 16 AND DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL OF DESIGNATING THEM AS SOLE EXPORTER OF MONKEYS FROM INDIA.
- 2. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE REPORTEDLY INCONCLUSIVE SINCE PANDE FELT THAT THE PROPOSAL OF MOL ENTERPRISES INVOLVES A MAJOR POLICY CHANGE ON THE PART OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (GOI) TO THE EXISTING EXPORT PRACTICE. PANDE FELT THAT HE COULD NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE GOI IS RELUCTANT TO DEPEND ALMOST SOLELY UPON JUST A SINGLE EXPORTER ALTHOUGH THE MOL ENTERPRISES OFFER MAY PRIMA FACIE BE ATTRACTIVE.
- 3. PANDE HAS ASKED MOL REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT A DETAILED PROPOSAL FOR GOI CONSIDERATION. THIS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY A BANK GUARANTEE FROM ITS BANKERS IN FAVOR OF THE GOI. THE PRESENT PROPOSAL OF MOL ENTERPRISES WAS REGARDED INADEQUATE BY PANDE FOR INITIATING ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION.

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4. IN SUMMARY, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE PRESENT DISCUSSIONS WERE VERY PRELIMINARY AND NO DECISION IS LIKELY TO BE TAKEN IN THE MATTER IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO INFORMALLY FOLLOW THE MATTER AND REPORT ANY DEVELOPMENTS WHEN THEY OCCUR. GOHEEN

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